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Father Chris Brey, a priest at the Newman Catholic Center, discusses the importance of mental well-being to physical health at the "Spirituality and Wellness" panel discussion Monday evening at the Newman Center. The panel discussion was organized by the Health Education Resource Center and stressed that spiritual health contributes to physical health.

## Mental health affects physical health

By Nadia Foster  
Staff writer

When Scott Blank, family and consumer sciences graduate student, and Eastern Alcoholics Anonymous chair, noticed his physical well-being is not where it should be, it's because he is doing what he refers to as, "Stinkin' Thinkin'."

The Health Education Resource Center provided a panel discussion Monday, "Spirituality and Wellness," to express that mental health has a direct effect on physical health and physical health has a direct effect on mental health.

Blank, along with fellow panelists Chris Brey, priest at the Newman Catholic Center, Nancy Page, admin-

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Newman Catholic Center priest

istrative aide in the Office of Development, and Roy Lanham, director at the Newman Catholic Center, contend that if they are spiritually in tune, they physically feel well.

The panelists seek spirituality

through prayer, meditation and Bible reading. Lanham explained that spirituality also can be reached through enjoying the company of a friend over dinner.

"If someone is depressed, they're physical well-being diminishes," Brey said.

Medical attention is not always the best source of treatment either.

"I learned early in life, doctor's don't have all the answers," Page said.

Brey has had experience working with the spiritual aspect in the medical field.

Brey's prescription for spiritual well-being is meditation. Some steps in meditation include:

■ Sitting upright

■ hands folded in lap

■ breathing slowly and deeply; in through the nose, out through the mouth

■ and reciting a favorite word, phrase or song lyric.

Brey says to do this everyday for at least 10 minutes.

"We all have our spiritual junk food, or things we do or think that can upset our mental health," Lanham said.

Lanham said "we must first figure out: 'What is it that clutters my life?'"

Blank, a recovering alcoholic on his fifth year of sobriety said, "Alcoholics Anonymous opened a doorway for me ... my entire attitude has changed ... life keeps getting better and better."

## Counseling Center expands services

By Michelle Jones  
Campus editor

The numbers are in, and they say the Counseling Center is serving more students, according to statistics David Onestak, director of the Counseling Center, compiled over the last three years.

Eastern's Counseling Center has seen a growth by about 20 percent in the number of clients they serve and the number of emergencies they handle, Onestak said.

In 1997-98 the center saw 444 people and had 76 emergencies. In 1998-99 the number of clients rose to 474 and the number of emergencies dropped to 59. In 1999-2000 the center

helped 563 people and handled 108 emergencies.

The number of client hours increased from 1997 as well.

During the 1999-2000 school year 2,480 hours were spent in personal counseling compared to 1,621 hours in 1998-99 and 1,430 hours in 1997-98.

Group counseling hours doubled in the 1999-2000 school year from 1997-98, Onestak said.

One hundred and seventy-six hours were spent in group counseling in 1997-98, 164 hours in 1998-99 and 401 hours in 1999-2000.

Onestak said Eastern's center is understaffed compared to other universities. Besides Onestak, there are five other counselors at the center, only

two of which are employed in the summer as well as the school year.

Group counseling is a time saver, he said.

"It's a way we can reach more students and be more effective," he said.

Group counseling also has benefits for students, Onestak said.

"For some students, group is the treatment of choice — the best way to get better," Onestak said.

The Counseling Center also has expanded their services through their outreach programs, or by going out and talking to people, Onestak said.

## Projects top BOT agenda

Board to consider purchase items, labor agreements

By Joshua Niziolkiewicz  
Administration editor

Eastern's Board of Trustees will meet today to discuss purchase approvals and labor agreements.

The meeting will be held at 11 a.m. in the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union.

The purchase items to be discussed are the construction of the parking lot at Fourth Street and Garfield Avenue, the interior design contract for Booth Library, the hardware maintenance agreement and the software maintenance agreement.

The Fourth Street project involves new parking spaces that will be located on the site currently occupied by tennis courts. The plan was approved by the BOT during its April meeting at the cost of \$345,000.

Eastern already has received one bid from NE-CO Asphalt Company, Inc. for \$314,000. Local funds are cited as the source for the purchase.

The interior design project involves the design of furniture and equipment for Booth Library. Design services include shop drawings, writing specifications, analyzing and receiving submittals, providing installation drawings, overseeing contract administration, assisting in coordination of scheduling and observing of the installation.

The cost for the project will be \$269,000, to be paid by appropriated funds.

Holabird and Root, LLP from Chicago is the company that will be recommended to take on the project.

The hardware maintenance agreement involves annual maintenance for electronic equipment that makes up the local area network for the 12-month period of July 1 through June 30, 2001.

The cost for the maintenance project will not exceed \$135,000 to be paid for by appropriated funds.

The software agreement is similar to the hardware contract, but the funds for this project will not exceed \$115,000.

IBM Corporation from St. Louis will be the recommended company for both the projects.

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# Jazz choir seeks members

By Jerry Martin  
Staff writer

A new jazz choir is being formed at Eastern and the organizers are looking for participants.

An informational meeting will be held at the Doudna Fine Arts Center lobby at 5:30 p.m. today, said Carrie Gragg, one of the

organizers.

Among the issues to be discussed will be a possible name for the choir, the date for auditions and a rehearsal schedule. There will probably be one or two rehearsals per week, Gragg said.

Gragg said auditions for the choir will be open to all, regardless of experience. All that is required is an interest in singing

jazz and the desire to perform with a fun, upbeat group.

The choir seeks as many as 12 performers and hopes to perform with the Eastern jazz ensemble. Performances in the community area are possible as well, she said.

Those interested in performing can contact Jake Stouffer at 581-2693 or Carrie Vaccarro at 581-5078.



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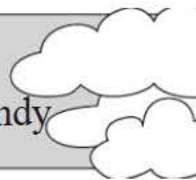
### Taking a break

Mac Sampson, of Decatur, enjoys the warm fall weather by sitting under a tree and playing a guitar Monday afternoon in the Library Quad. Temperatures are expected to be cooler by the end of the week.

## three-day forecast

### today

87°  
62° Windy



### Wednesday

75°  
52° Showers



### Thursday

63°  
48° Partly cloudy



## police blotter

### Alcohol violations

■ Adam K. Valerugo, 18, of Carman Hall, was arrested at 4:41 a.m. Sunday on Ninth Street on charges of purchase or acceptance of alcohol by a minor and disturbing the peace, a police report stated.

■ Kevin M. Callahan, 19, of the 1500 block of Second St., was arrested at 12:13 a.m. Sunday, at the same address, on charges of purchase of alcohol by a minor, selling alcohol without a license and disturbing the peace, a police report stated.

■ Robert W. Geraghty, 20, of the 1500 block of Second St., was arrested at 12:13 a.m. Sunday, at the same address, on charges of purchase of alcohol by a minor, selling alcohol without a license and disturbing the peace, a police report stated.

## What's on tap?

Special events open to all students, faculty, staff and community members can be published in *What's on tap*. Events limited to specific groups or organizations or regularly scheduled events can be published in *CampusClips*. To have your event included send details, including time, date, place and cost, to [cuall2@pen.eiu.edu](mailto:cuall2@pen.eiu.edu) or bring a written statement to 1811 Buzzard Hall.

## Workshop to discuss alcoholism in families and its affect on students

By Nadia Foster  
Staff writer

One in three students come from families where alcohol abuse is present.

The workshop will be held at 7:30 tonight in the Charleston/Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University

Union.

"Don't Trust, Don't Feel, Don't Talk," with presenter and Eastern counselor, Linda Anderson, will deal with the issue of alcohol abuse.

Anderson has conducted this workshop several times "because it's such an important issue" with Eastern students.

"The workshop will discuss American families affected by alcohol abuse, and the rules and roles common in alcoholic families ... and how they impact the emotional and psychological well-being of the individual," Anderson said.

Anderson agreed that although students may be physically

removed from their alcoholic families, unresolved issues manifest themselves in situations at school.

"When people find they have difficulties in present relationships, it can usually be traced back to their roles in their families," Anderson said.

Anyone can attend this workshop.

### Today

- 7:30 p.m., "Don't Trust-Don't Feel-Don't Talk," Charleston/Mattoon Room, Martin Luther King Jr. University Union
- 8 p.m., The Legacy of Beth Miller, A Discussion on Meningitis, University Ballroom, Martin Luther King Jr. University Union
- 7 p.m., Open auditions for "A Moon for the Misbegotten," Studio Theater

### Wednesday

- 2 p.m., International Tea, Charleston/Mattoon Room, Martin Luther King Jr. University Union
- 7 p.m., Doctor/Patient Relationship, presented by Dr. Sheila Baker, McKinney Hall

### Thursday

- 9:30 a.m., Fall Career Day/Job Fair, Lantz Gym
- 1 p.m., Public Meeting on Illinois Gender Violence Act, University Ballroom, Martin Luther King Jr. University Union
- 7 p.m., Kevin Murphy, Illinois State Teacher of the Year, Buzzard Hall Auditorium
- 7 p.m., "Of Love and Shadows," Latino Heritage month movie, Lumpkin Hall 122



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## Building relations

**T**he tenuous relationship between students and the city has been getting some much-needed reinforcement through the External Relations Committee's handling of sub par off-campus housing.

For years, students who finally made it out of the dorms into their very first apartment celebrated their freedom until they discovered the leaky faucets, blown light fixtures and the one step that won't stop squeaking. Being their first time having their own residence, many students weren't sure what courses of action were available to remedy their problems.

Now the city is taking an active role in protecting students' rights as lessees and tenants.

According to Student Senate member and External Relations chair Gary Kelly, Charleston Mayor Dan Cougill procured search warrants this summer for rental properties that were not up to standard living conditions. Some residences were even closed for failure to meet building codes.

The city is currently rewriting its building codes, which will only improve efforts to ensure students living off campus don't find themselves living in dangerous or unhealthy conditions.

### Helping out

The city is in the process of making it easier for students to get action from their landlords for sub-standard living situations.

But the responsibility is on students. The first step in correcting unacceptable housing must be notifying the landlord. Students have to to give their lessor a chance to fix or replace poor plumbing

or crooked windows before reporting it to the city.

If the complaint is not addressed, then the student can turn to the city for help, but once again, the student must get involved. The city will send an inspector who must be invited in by the student to investigate the problem, or the city cannot assist the student.

Only then will the city take the full burden of responsibility, whether it be legal or otherwise. While investigating poor conditions at rental properties, the city will even locate new housing for a student for the same cost. Students have a right to decent housing, just like anyone else renting out a home. However, as new comers in the world of real estate and home ownership, they are often much more naive to those rights, and unsure of what to when those rights have been violated.

None of this is to say that poor housing is a serious problem in Charleston. On the contrary, many students find their apartments or houses to be ideal, and have amicable relationships with their landlords. But there are a few bad apples in every tree, and it's refreshing to see the city and student government working together to protect the student body from less-than-honest landlords.

■ The editorial is the opinion of the editorial board of The Daily Eastern News.

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### Today's quote

Substantive and procedural law benefits and protects landlords over tenant, creditors over debtors, lenders, over borrowers, and the poor are seldom among the favored parties

John Turner,  
Canadian Attorney General

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## Legal abortions leads to safer abortions

**O**n Friday the Tennessee Supreme Court struck down portions of the state's abortion law. The court ruled that the law was “overly burdensome to women, including a two-day waiting period and mandatory counseling,” an Associated Press story said.

Other parts of the law that were ruled unconstitutional were portions requiring that second-trimester abortions take place in a hospital instead of a clinic.

The justices wrote in their 4-1 decision that “the provisions fail to accomplish the state's goal of protecting women and their unborn children,” the Associated Press reported.

This ruling is a small victory for the people working to make abortions safe and legal.

Women have died trying to get abortions, and even now one out of every four women must travel more than 50 miles to obtain abortion services, according to Planned Parenthood's Web site.

As the justices said in their decision, many women have already made up their minds by the time they seek abortions.

If a woman wants an abortion, she will find one. Whether she finds a safe abortion or not is up to the government and the courts.

Before 1973, when the Supreme Court ruled on *Roe v. Wade* making abortions legal, women had abortions.

Instead of going to trained medical professionals in sterile environments, women took pills, drank enough alcohol to not only kill their fetus but to put themselves in danger and handed wads of cash over to back-alley abortionist that oftentimes left the women in need of hospitalization.

While not all women's experiences were like this, a great many were.



**Nicole Meinheit**  
Editor in Chief

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is waiting for women at the end of their trip.

The argument of whether abortion is right or wrong lies mostly in a person's belief of when a life begins, and this belief is closely tied with a person's religious belief.

Since the answers lie mainly in a person's religious belief no one can tell someone they are right or wrong, not even the government.

The Constitution gives everyone religious freedom. That means that people are free to practice their religion and the beliefs of their religion. If they believe religion is wrong, they do not have to have an abortion, or help anyone else have an abortion. I have never been in a situation where I had to decide if I wanted to have an abortion, so I cannot say nothing could ever persuade me to have one, but even if I could say that, I have no right to push my belief off on someone else.

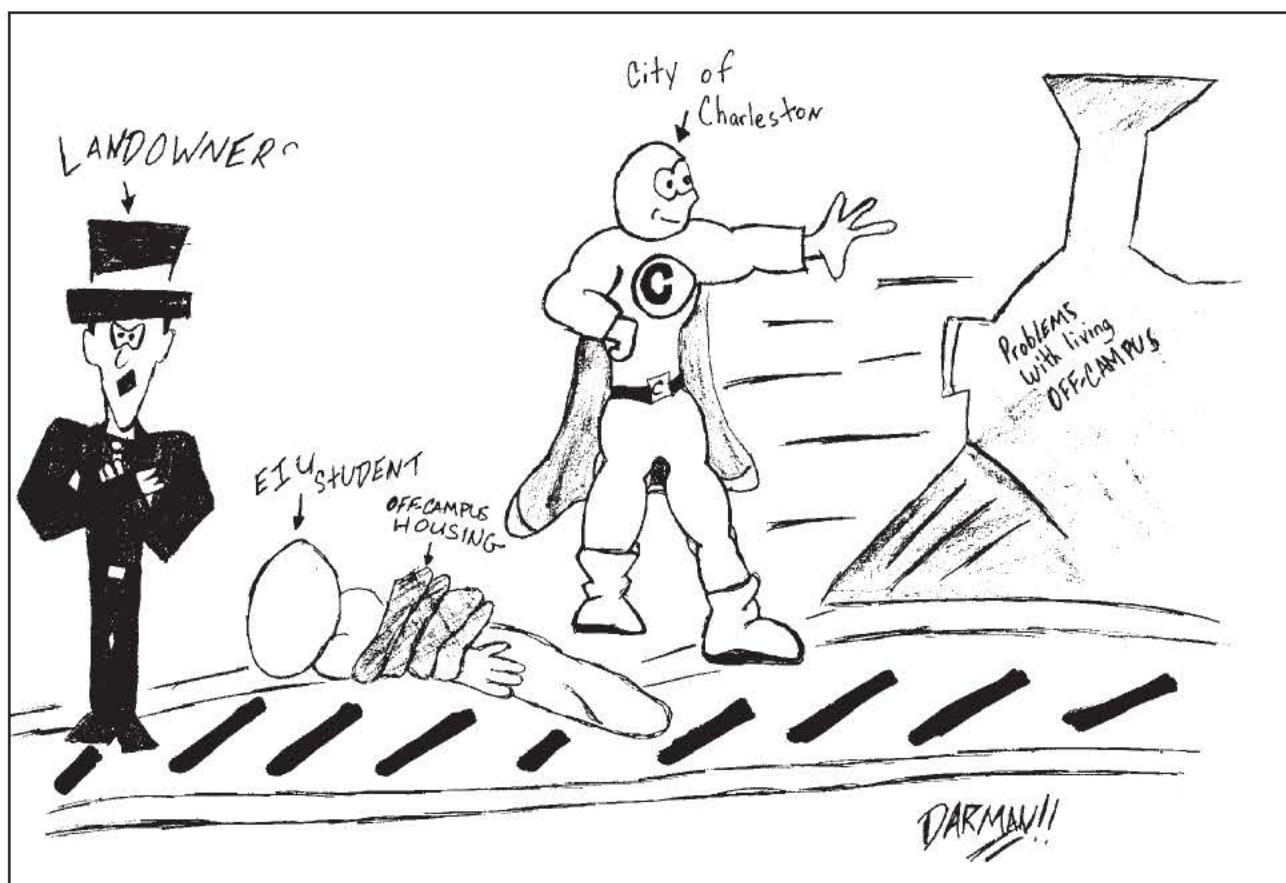
Keeping abortion legal will not increase the number of abortions, it will only increase the number of safe abortions.

And why should, in this day of modern technology and great medical advancements, we allow women to suffer unnecessarily or die at the hands of untrained and unsafe abortionist?

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Now, while abortion services are more readily available, as recently as 1992, 84 percent of the counties in the United States did not offer abortion services, according to Planned Parenthood's Web site.

While women may have to travel over 50 miles to get an abortion, if a woman wants an abortion she will travel over 100 miles. The courts should make sure that a safe and legal abortion



### Act of kindness spirals on to others

This past Saturday at the EIU football game, the EIU girls' softball team was selling their fund raiser 50/50 tickets. If you are unfamiliar with 50/50, what they do is that they sell tickets and split the profit. One for \$1 six for \$5, 12 for \$10 and 25 for \$20. Half of the money collected goes toward EIU softball program and the other half goes to some lucky winner with the right ticket.

On Monday morning an elder gentleman and his two grandsons greeted Coach Lloydene Searle. This man, who will remain anonymous, asked if

they could visit. Coach Searle graciously invited them into her office. The gentleman reached into his pocket and said, “I was the winner of the 50/50 ticket,” and he told coach Searle that he wanted to donate his portion of the winnings back to the softball program. Then, one of the grandchildren stepped forward and placed his portion of the winnings in front of coach Searle and said, “I want to donate my share of the winnings to the softball team as well.” The second grandchild

looked at Coach Searle and said, “I'm going to donate my share to the wheelchair people, because my mother is in a wheelchair.”

I want to personally thank this gentleman for not only donating his winnings to the EIU softball program, but also I want to thank him for his act of kindness that he shared with his grandchildren. Which in this case had a rippling effect. You, who ever you are, are a wonderful person. This is a great example. Actions do speak louder than words.

**Amy M Kies**  
graduate assistant physical education,  
volunteer softball coach

### Your turn

Letters to the editor

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# Wall to meet with Faculty Senate

**By Joshua Niziolekiewicz**  
Administration editor

The Faculty Senate today will meet their new acting vice president for academic affairs, Lida Wall.

The meeting will take place at 2 p.m. in the conference room on the second floor of Buzzard Hall.

"I am delighted that Dean Wall has agreed to take on this enormous charge," said Eastern President Carol Surles. "She will lead the academic unit from a strong and experienced administrative foundation."

Wall previously served as Eastern's Dean of the College of Sciences, making quite an impres-

sion on many of her co-workers.

William Weber, formerly Wall's associate in the College of Sciences, will continue to serve under her as acting associate vice president for academic affairs.

"I have learned a great deal from Dr. Wall during my two years as her associate dean," Weber said. "(Dr. Wall) brings a rare combination of academic and administrative experience to the academic affairs office."

Keith Andrew, physics department chair, said Wall has a tremendous ability of working with people.

"She is a good listener, and very fair," Andrew said. "She was always open and honest, which made it easy to work with her."

# AB allocates money for Homecoming festivities

**By Christine Demma**  
Student government editor

The Apportionment Board met Monday to approve a \$2,000 allocation to put on a fireworks display at the Homecoming 2000 pep rally.

The goal for Homecoming is to increase school spirit and community involvement through a pep rally and fireworks display on Oct. 6 at 8 p.m. at O'Brien Stadium, said Homecoming chair Sara Fergus.

Typically, there is a bonfire during the pep rally, but a recommendation was made to change the event for safety reasons, said Ceci

Brinker, Homecoming advisor.

The \$2,000 will go towards hiring a professional company to coordinate the fireworks display, Fergus said.

In other business, Joe Crocker, student vice president for public affairs, requested \$2,300 for serving food at the the Illinois Board of Higher Education-Student Advisory Committee meeting the weekend of Sept. 29 at Eastern.

IBHE-SAC meets every two months, Crocker said. Students from state and public universities as well as junior colleges will attend the event.

"This will allow for us to impress our counterparts," Crocker said.

About 80 people are estimated to attend the meeting, Crocker said.

The AB also approved an allocation to extend the hours for the Student Activities Office secretary.

Adam Weyhaupt, speaker of the Student Senate, requested \$1,874.60 to extend working hours by 13 hours a week, to 20 hours total, for the secretary.

The current secretary works at the desk on the work-study program, Weyhaupt said. The extension of hours is not part of the program.

The secretary primarily serves the AB, the University Board and Student Government.

# Civil rights testers lose lawsuit

CHICAGO (AP) — Two civil rights workers who applied for jobs to test whether a security firm discriminated against minorities in its hiring practices have lost their lawsuit against the company.

"As the first case of this kind ever to go to trial, the jury sent a clear message that claims of discrimination will need more than just the fact that African-Americans did not receive job

offers," Douglas Drach, an attorney representing JK Guardian Security Services, said Monday.

A federal civil jury ruled Friday that JK Guardian did not engage in biased hiring practices in denying employment to two black applicants who were paid representatives of the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago.

“The verdict calls into question the legitimacy of discrimination testing, and the underlying assumption that fictitious job applicants can be trained to behave exactly alike in an interview situation,” Beth Golub, JK Guardian’s co-counsel said.

Diana White, a lawyer for the Legal Assistance Foundation, said the group was surprised and disappointed by the verdict.

# Kitchen fire evacuates Hampton Hall Monday

**By Shauna Gustafson**  
City editor

A kitchen fire evacuated Hampton Hall in University Court at about 5 p.m. Monday.

According to Captain Dan Ensign of the Charleston Fire Department, a resident on the third floor was cooking dinner and left the

food on the stove unattended for a moment. The oil the resident was cooking in caught fire and put itself out before the fire department could get there.

Ensign said there is smoke and fire damage to the hood vent on the stove and smoke damage to the rest of the apartment. He estimated damages to be about \$1,000.

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# Stix to host Uncle Filthy and the Cub Scouts

By Shauna Gustafson  
City editor

Uncle Filthy and The Cub Scouts will play at 10 p.m. Thursday as Stix's first live band since their remodel this summer.

Stix will host live bands on weeknights, said Jason Scott, manager. Most will be local, but some may be bigger.

"Just whoever is willing to play during the week," he said.

Uncle Filthy, which is made up of four local artists, has been playing around the area since intercession this summer. Bob Zordani, 37, on harmonica and backup vocals; Zac Eitel, 24, on bass and lead vocals; Tim Piatek, 22, on drums and Brent Byrd, on guitar and lead vocals make up Uncle Filthy, a 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s cover band.

The group formed after Piatek and Byrd, who are both Eastern seniors, decided they wanted to form a band.

"Brent and I decided since we were all going to stick around we might as

well be jammin'," Piatek said.

The members were not new to each other, all of them have played with at least one of the others at one time or another. Zordani said open mic nights is how most of them met.

"When you're in a small town like this so many of the local musicians know each other," he said.

The first gig Uncle Filthy played this summer was at Mike and Stan's. Since then they have played at the Uptowner, Marty's, Roc's and in Ashmore and Champaign.

All the members of the band have several years experience under their belts, and have played in bands before. Eitel was a member of "Trickledown" another local band that was around just a few years ago.

"They were wildly popular," Zordani said.

Uncle Filthy usually plays popular cover tunes from the 60s to the present, but no boy band music will escape their lips.

"If we could only dance like 'NSYNC we probably would," Byrd

joked.

But the group does make up their own versions to well-known hits.

"We never do the record album versions," Zordani said. "I would hate to sound like a jukebox."

Some of the group's favorite songs to cover are "Jet airliner" by the Steve Miller Band, "Remedy" by the Black Crowes, "South Bound" by The Allman Brothers. Byrd said one of his favorite songs to play is "Like a Virgin" by Madonna.

The members of Uncle Filthy said they are excited about playing at Stix Thursday.

"I keep going over (to Stix) and standing on the stage and looking out," Zordani said.

Uncle Filthy may not be together long, as both Byrd and Piatek graduate from Eastern in December. But in the meantime, they are going to keep playing and having fun.

"Zac and I are very sad," Zordani said. "The bottom line is we're having fun playing music ... we're not concerned about fame and fortune."



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Band members of Uncle Filthy and the Cub Scouts include Bob Zordani, Zac Eitel, Tim Piatek, Brent Bryd and Chris Eitel. The band will play at Stix at 10 p.m.

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## Hurricane Gordon drenched Southeast

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Downgraded to a tropical depression, Gordon drenched parts of the Southeast on Monday but did little to offset the region's long-running drought.

Gordon caused scattered flooding, roof damage and power outages across Florida late Sunday, but no injuries or deaths were blamed on the storm. And it produced little more than hard rain Monday as it streamed across Georgia and up the East Coast into North Carolina.

It was falling apart late Monday, though 30 mph wind and rain were expected as it sped to the northeast.

Gordon came ashore Sunday evening at Cedar Key on Florida's Gulf Coast with drenching rain and a 6-foot storm surge topped by waves.

On Sanibel Island, off Florida's southwest coast, Dona Alvarez woke to the sounds of her screen porch being ripped off by one of several tornadoes whipped up by Gordon. She said her house had at least \$80,000 in damage.

"I could have been sliced and diced and been bleeding to death," she said Monday, looking at the glass door that separated her bed from her patio. "Five feet in one direction, it would have sucked my head right off."

Damage was estimated at more than \$1 million at Sanibel, nearly 200 miles south of Cedar Key.

Florida water officials doubted Gordon's up to 4 inches of rain would do much to relieve a drought that has plagued much of the state.

Near Tampa, where this year's rainfall is about 20 inches below the average of 51 to 53 inches, Gordon left as much as 5 inches of rain. However, much of it did not seep into the ground.

"Just a heavy rain is not going to do it by itself," said Michael Molligan, a spokesman for the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

The storm probably caused some minor crop damage in Georgia, said Tommy Irvin, the state's agriculture commissioner.

"I think we can be thankful that the wind velocity didn't get as bad as we anticipated," he said.

Georgia cotton and peanut farmers were less concerned about drought relief than with wet crops in the middle of the harvest.

In South Carolina, radar said as many as 10 inches of rain fell in some areas. Downtown Charleston, however, got less than 2 inches.

"Unfortunately, the area that got the worst rain got heavy rains just two weeks ago," National Weather Service meteorologist Kevin Woodworth said, referring to a storm that poured 3 to 6 inches earlier this month.

## Drifter convicted of slaying

DEL RIO, Texas (AP) — A drifter who has allegedly confessed to a dozen slayings across the country was convicted Monday of killing a 13-year-old girl last New Year's Eve.

Tommy Lynn Sells, 36, was convicted of capital murder and faces life in prison of lethal injection when he is sentenced.

"It's going to put closure to a lot of things. He took my baby," said Terry Harris, the father of Kaylene Harris. "It's hard to explain the rage."

During three days of testimony, jurors heard written confessions from Sells, watched a videotaped confession and listened to gripping testimony from a girl who also was

attacked by Sells as she slept in the same room with Kaylene but survived.

The girl, Krystal Surles, said she tried to remain still and silent on the top of a bunk bed as she watched Sells slit the throat of Kaylene, a family friend she had been visiting. She said Sells then cut her throat, and she waited for him to leave before seeking help.

"I think that's what he deserved," Krystal, now 11, said of the verdict.

"I think I can sleep and not have nightmares, and maybe do better in my own bed," said the girl, who has a jagged pink scar across her neck. "I had to sleep with my mom because they were bad."

Sells pleaded guilty to attempted murder for the attack on Krystal but had pleaded innocent to capital murder in Kaylene's death. Jurors found that he killed Kaylene after breaking into her home to sexually assault her — a component that made elevated the crime to one punishable by death.

Defense attorney Victor Garcia said the verdict was not a surprise.

"In this case, we have a victim who testified and it's hard for the jury to get past that," he said.

Since his arrest Jan. 2, Sells has confessed to at least a dozen murders in seven states. He has only been charged in one other case, the May 1999 slaying of a 13-year-old Lexington, Ky., girl.

## Cooler weather aids firefighters

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Firefighters took advantage of cooler, cloudy weather to try to build lines around an out-of-control wildfire threatening as many as 200 homes in the mountains outside Boulder.

The blaze, which jumped from treetop to treetop on Sunday, smoldered close to the ground Monday. Four air tankers and three helicopters dropped fire retardant and water on hot spots. Trenches were cut around several homes and trees were coated in reddish fire retardant.

The 450 firefighters worked in 70-degree weather, clearing brush away from houses and cutting lines

around the 1,100-acre blaze near Flagstaff Mountain about 10 miles southwest of Boulder. Over the weekend, temperatures hovered in the 90s.

Residents voluntarily remained out of about 200 homes that were within the fire's reach.

Incident commander Joe Hartman said it would be dangerous for them to return until firefighters gained some control over the blaze.

"All it takes is a slight change in humidity and it can run on you," he said.

Authorities believe the fire was started by an illegal campfire on Friday.

On Monday, many residents waited at roadblocks, hoping for a chance to return to their homes.

Chris Gullett, waiting in a pickup truck packed with personal belongings, including his grandmother's crystal and his 7-year-old son's school artwork, said he was pleased with the firefighters' efforts.

"It's been amazing. It's really something how they work real hard," he said.

In South Dakota, a series of lightning-sparked grass fires on Sunday joined into a blaze that was estimated at 25,000 acres before it was contained early Monday.

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# Death-penalty debate continues

WASHINGTON (AP) — Both supporters and opponents of the death penalty found one thing to agree on during a debate Monday: The American criminal justice system is bound to occasionally send innocents to death row.

Of course, the two sides parted ways when, during a forum sponsored by The Cato Institute, a libertarian think tank, they talked about what the reaction to those mistakes should be.

The institute convened the panel of attorneys as the national conversation on the fairness of the death penalty continues. It was rekindled when Illinois Gov. George Ryan, a Republican, announced in January a moratorium on executions after more Illinois death-row inmates were freed than executed.

Federal appeals court Judge Alex Kozinski, a Republican appointee to the 9th Circuit in California, argued that a justice system heavily weighted against the prosecution helps make wrongful convictions rare.

And he said that errors should

“If a state takes a life in error, it has done its best to avoid it. I see no moral culpability there. ... It is unfortunate, it is sad, but it is not a moral failing.”

Alex Kozinski,  
Republican appointee to 9th Circuit

not lead to the abolition of capital punishment.

Society should accept the few wrongful convictions because not having the death penalty is far worse, Kozinski said, using an analogy to make his point: People still fly in planes despite reports of crashes because air travel offers the best alternative for getting where they want to go.

Kozinski said victims' families are denied closure and the country lowers its regard for human life when those who kill are not pun-

ished more severely than for other crimes.

“We do our best to separate the guilty from the innocent. But we have to come to grips with the risk that every once in a while, hopefully every once in a very great while, someone who is innocent will be punished,” he said.

“If a state takes a life in error, it has done its best to avoid it. I see no moral culpability there. ... It is unfortunate, it is sad, but it is not a moral failing.”

David Frum, a senior fellow at the conservative Manhattan Institute in New York, said death-penalty opponents are going against a majority of Americans who support the punishment. Opponents pursue execution-delaying appeals, highlight the arbitrary nature of the punishment's application and undermine confidence in the system.

“It can be improved, anything can be,” Frum said. “(But) this penalty is fair, it is right and on the whole the American justice system does its job.”

# Burning garbage prohibited in city

By Shauna Gustafson  
City editor

Charleston has an ordinance in effect that prohibits the burning of all rubbish and garbage.

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guished by the fire department if a complaint is received.

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The board also will discuss a settlement with the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local #149 Union.

The agreement includes a 4.3 percent increase, a shift premium of

50 cents per hour for bargaining unit employees and three additional paid holidays per year.

The other settlement involves an agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local #146.

The agreement involves a 4.1 percent increase, an evening shift differential of 50 cents per hour and the same paid holidays as most other crafts.

# Counseling

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Counselors talk to parents, teachers, students and other people to let them know the center exists and what they have to offer, he said.

Outreach is one reason the center is seeing more students, he said.

The Counseling Center holds Life Skills Seminars, a series of workshops every semester, as part of the outreach part of the center. Onestak said they are trying to be more creative in their programs to attract more people to attend them.

“If we want to do a stress management program, we’re not going to call it ‘Stress Management,’” Onestak said. “That’s just a killer.”

The Counseling Center served 5,668 people in 1999-2000 as a result of going out and talking to them. That number is up from 4,033 people in 1997-98 and 3,638 people in 1998-99.

The center also offers consultations for people who are worried about an individual, and they do not know what to do to help them, Onestak said.

The number of consultations in 1997-98 was 245, and the numbers in 1998-99 were 293. In 1999-2000, the center saw 482 people in consultations.

More than 40 percent of consultations are from faculty and staff, 33 percent are from students, 17 percent are from parents and 9 percent are consultations with others.

Onestak said the counselors never reveal confidential information.

“We never even say the student is or isn’t a client,” Onestak said.

They also cannot force an individual to come to counseling; however, through consultation they can help someone else determine ways to approach another person and get them to come to counseling.

Onestak said the client gender and race percentages are about the

same percentages as represented on the campus on a whole.

Of the students seen, 88 percent are Caucasians, 7 percent are African-American and 5 percent are other races.

“I feel really proud we are seeing minority percentages as represented on campus; that’s not typical of other universities,” he said. “That’s something we’re doing pretty well.”

The center sees 76 percent women and 24 percent men.

Onestak said women do not have more problems than men; they are just more in touch with their feelings and are more willing to talk about them.

“It’s a great sign women are willing to work on these problems,” he said.

The ratio of men to women is consistent with universities across the nation, he said.

Statistics also show that juniors and seniors make up the majority of the Counseling Center’s clients.

Graduate students make up 7

percent of the center’s clients, freshmen and sophomores make up 18 percent each, juniors make up 27 percent and seniors make up 30 percent of all clients.

The fact that juniors and seniors come to the center more frequently is a maturity factor, Onestak said. The upperclassmen find that it is helpful to talk to someone, and they are tired of their problem, so they want to get rid of it.

Some of Eastern’s best students are getting help at the Counseling Center, Onestak said.

The mean ACT composite score of clients is a 22, the mean credit hours is 13 and the mean grade point average is a 3.04, which is above the university average, he said.

Four percent of all clients are currently on academic probation/warning, and 10 percent were on academic probation/warning in the past.

Onestak also gathered information pertaining to referral sources in 2000. Forty-six percent of referrals

are self-referrals, 25 percent are from a friend, 5 percent are from a nurse or a physician, 5 percent are from a professor, 3 percent are from an adviser, 2 percent are from residence life and 14 percent are from other referrals.

Onestak said he put together the data because the Counseling Center wanted to know about who they were helping and to see how to meet the changing needs of the students.

He said he will compile the data annually, and it will continue to expand every year.

“Overall, I’m proud of the statistics,” Onestak said. “The Counseling Center is working hard to meet the needs of students on campus ... every area is up.”

Onestak said the center receives positive feedback as well. They send out evaluations for all of their services, and more than 90 percent of the responses are positive, he said.

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# Rapacki continues solid running intensity on cross country team

By Kristin Rojek  
Sports editor

Although Lauren Rapacki didn't come to Eastern with a big name behind her, the junior has certainly made one for herself over the years on the women's cross country team.

Now among the top four runners at Eastern, Rapacki has built upon her determination to succeed.

"She's deceptively intense and very demanding of herself," head coach John McInerney said. "Sometimes she's too hard on herself, but she's just a kid who came into running late and she's been real impatient with that."

Joining the Lyons Township High School cross country team her senior year, Rapacki had to learn to build confidence in herself among an abnormally large high school cross country team, composed of over 100 runners.

"I just did it for fun and I wanted to improve," Rapacki said. "My coach from high school knew how



Lauren Rapacki

much I wanted to do it, so she talked to coach Mac here and I kind of fell into it.

"It's like having a family away from home and I've met a ton of people. I just got really into the sport."

Rapacki has been consistent as a top four runner for Eastern this season, finishing as Eastern's third runner this weekend at the University of Illinois Invitational. Rapacki placed 26th overall with a time of 19:00.48.

"Having someone as the third or fourth runner that intense means a lot," McInerney said. "She's use to

the front this year and that's key to having a good team."

Getting use to running in the front takes time, especially when you look to teammates for support.

"Mentally I'm a lot more confident going into the races and I'm confident that I can hang with the top group," Rapacki said. "I try to encourage everyone to stay together because I want to help push the girls who aren't as confident."

Known as a quieter leader, McInerney sees her leadership on the team as one of leading by example rather than vocally.

"She's a good team leader, fairly quiet, but she's easy to talk to and leads by good example," McInerney said.

This weekend, Rapacki will have the opportunity to run on her home course at the EIU Open.

"She's had a gradual increase in her confidence, but her intensity hasn't changed," McInerney said.

"She doesn't want to hear 'young runner' anymore."

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"I don't have any bigger sisters and they make me feel like their little sister."

She also has a good relationship with Winkler since she is another helping hand for the team.

"Coach said the other night that I might as well take over coaching since I help give the players tips, like the other night when I told them to try to do their best, don't let the balls drop in front of them and try and get our hitting percentage up," Shepherd said.

"For me personally, she makes me relax sometimes because she takes things as an 11-year-old would," Winkler said.

"She adds humor during times

of stress, and since she knows what's going on, it's interesting to get her insight."

As for the team, they love to have Shepherd on the court with them as she helps to be their biggest cheerleader.

"She is a big encouragement because she works so hard at her jobs," senior Kim Blackwell said. "Her being here reminds us how lucky we are to be playing college volleyball since so many other people would love to switch us places."

"Also she is a big sweetheart who always brings a smile to everyone's face."

Inspirationally, the team will be thankful that Shepherd is having fun.

"It's been a lot of fun helping the team and I hope to do it the rest of the year and maybe even next year too," Shepherd said.



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# Eastern athletes capture three OVC Player of the Week honors

Three Eastern athletes earned Ohio Valley Conference honors this week in the football, volleyball and women's soccer teams.

Quarterback Tony Romo earned his second honor this season as OVC Offensive Player of the week for his efforts against Toledo Saturday.

The sophomore passed for a career-high 414 yards and two touchdowns while completing 25-of-46 passes. Romo's passing was the fifth highest in Eastern's history, contributing to Eastern's total of 522 yards against the undefeated Rockets.

For the second consecutive week, a member of Eastern's volleyball team has been named OVC Player of the Week.

Junior Leslie Przekwas received the Defensive Player of the Week, joining teammate Rebecca Ooyen, who was named Offensive Player of the Week last week.

Przekwas, a middle hitter, aided

in the Panther's 2-1 finish last week, with two wins coming from conference rivals to start the OVC season.

Przekwas blocked a team-high five shots during Eastern's 3-1 loss at Illinois-Chicago. Przekwas continued into the weekend in the home-opener conference win against Tennessee-Martin where she recorded two block solos and two assists.

Przekwas also had three solo shots against Murray State in Eastern's 3-0 victory. The three solo blocks gave Przekwas her 200 career total blocks, making her the 14th player in the school history to reach that mark.

During a three-match span, she averaged 1.2 blocks per game and improved her overall team-leading mark to .97 bpg.

While the women's soccer team improved to a 7-1 mark over the weekend at home, freshman Beth Liesen was named Ohio Valley Conference Co-Player of the Week,

sharing the honor with Southeast Missouri's Erika Todd.

Liesen scored two game-winning goals and assisted on one other last weekend. In her first eight collegiate games, she has tallied seven goals, five being game-winners.

Liesen's seven goals place her in a tie for eighth among Eastern's single season goal scoring leaders and ninth among the career leaders.

Her 16 points ranks tied for 10th on the season and career Top 10 list.

In Friday's game against Valparaiso, Liesen scored just 11 minutes into the game, and two days later, the freshman scored in just 68 seconds for Eastern's first goal in the OVC opener against Tennessee-Martin.

Five minutes following her first goal of the day, Liesen returned to the net for her second goal of the game.

- Compiled by Kristin Rojek  
Sports editor

## Fans

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The volleyball team finally had the chance to play on its home court and showed its power in the conference, posting a 2-0 start in the OVC.

Their 6-3 overall record is just the start of what could be a three-game winning streak when they take on conference rival Southeast Missouri Wednesday.

And we can't forget about the Rugby team. Posting a 1-2 start to the season, the defending national tournament Elite Eight finisher is bound and determined to make another solid impression.

Eastern has also had its share of athletes recognized as OVC Players of the Week just within the first weeks of the season. Quarterback Tony Romo earned his second Offensive Player of the Week honor after his performance against Toledo.



Cross country athlete Jason Bialka was the first to receive the Runner of the Week honor in the OVC, which leads up to the EIU Open this weekend on the OVC conference course.

Not one single Eastern athletic team has been in a slump this season. As athletes, they should be proud of the hard work they put into the preseason, and as Eastern fans, we should be proud to sit in the stands and enjoy some quality athletics.

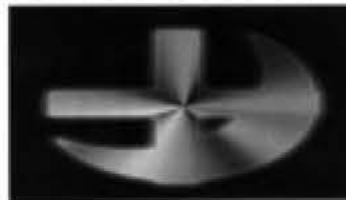
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## Fans get a good showing

This is the year to be proud to be an Eastern fan. With the volleyball team, the women's soccer team and the women's rugby team all at home this past weekend for competition, Eastern fans were certainly given a good showing.

Now although the rugby team lost to Illinois State despite an impressive comeback, both the volleyball and soccer teams each captured two wins over the weekend.

I realize that the fall season is still early, with Ohio Valley competition just beginning, but the success of the athletic teams this season at Eastern is a bit overwhelming.

Defending its OVC title, the women's soccer team is now 7-1, 1-0 in the OVC after a 6-0 blowout over Tennessee-Martin. Being picked in the preseason as the conference favorites, their current record shouldn't come as a surprise, but with five shutouts and an overtime win, they certainly aren't holding back their ability.

Although the men's soccer team was on the road this weekend, they too continue to see success this season, posting a 5-0-1 mark after this weekend. Because the OVC doesn't have a men's soccer program in its conference, the men's soccer team is forced to play under the Missouri Valley Conference, one of the toughest in the nation.

With four MVC teams ranked in the top 25, Eastern will be under scrutiny as the weeks progress. Eastern is forced to gain respect of its rivals the hard way, after being given an 11th place preseason ranking, but their current success certainly gives the team's talent a new perspective.

Now we've all heard about the astonishing performance of the football team this season, now 2-1 in regular season, with conference play beginning Saturday. Now when the team won its first game on the road at Indiana State, fans were still skeptical. And when they blew out Kentucky Wesleyan at home last weekend, few were ready to jump on the bandwagon about how great our Panther football team was.

Well, it's about time to show some respect for a team that fell to No. 29 Toledo by just five points and seven yards.

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# Defense under a new scheme

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With three weeks gone in the 2000 season, one thing that has gone virtually unnoticed has been the play of the Panthers' defense.

A defense that, before playing Toledo this weekend, was ranked 20th in the nation in total defense. The defense went out and gave up only one touchdown and five field goals.

One of the main reasons Eastern gave up the 31 points to the Rockets was the inability of the offense to control the ball. The Panthers turned over the ball five times, leading to a good field position for Toledo.

While giving up a total of 361 yards to the Rockets, the team was averaging 225 yards on the ground alone.

Despite Toledo being primarily a rushing team, Eastern was aware of its passing game, especially with Toledo's Mel Long. Long was able to catch the ball in the 31 consecutive games prior to playing Eastern, and despite only catching two balls, it was never a factor in the game, as Panther cornerback Kourtney Young shadowed Long all night.

"Kourtney has a tough job to do by going up against the other team's top receiver," secondary coach Ron Lambert said. "But Kourtney did his job and Mel Long was shut down."

Although Young has been solid all season long, Lambert has pleased with the entire secondary.

"I'm happy with all of the secondary players — from Kourtney Young on one side of the field to Obinno Coley and Antwan Oliver on the other side," Lambert said.

"One thing that people have to remember is that with a good pass rush, you can't have a good secondary."

Eastern's opponents, while being aware of the secondary, have not been able to forget the defensive line or the linebackers this year.

The Panthers leading tackler so far this season is defensive end Mike Carlin. The senior has 14 solo tackles and 11 assists.



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Senior Mike Gentile takes down a member of Kentucky Wesleyan's offense during their match up Sept. 9. Eastern's defense has gone virtually unnoticed this season, despite the team's 2-1 showing.

Carlin has been helped this season by defensive tackle Gonzalo Segovia, who has disrupted opposing passing games with his two sacks on the season.

"The defense has helped tremendously by the play of Mike Carlin coming off the end and Gonzalo up the middle," Lambert said.

Thanks to the effort the Panthers have shown on defense this season, they will start the Ohio Valley Conference season this week, when they travel to Tennessee-Martin, ranked third in the Ohio Valley Conference in total defense and pass defense.

Eastern has given up just 18 points per game, which is good enough for third in the conference in scoring defense. The Panthers have only given up four touchdowns this season, three of them in the season opener.

"I don't know why there is such a difference in the way the defense played last year to this year," Lambert said.

"There hasn't been a change in personnel, but there is a lot more experience and some of the schemes seem to be working a little better."

## Inspiring words from an 11-year-old

Shepherd hopes days with the volleyball team leads to dreams as athletic trainer



Kristin Rojek/ Staff photographer

Sixth grader Lindsey Shepherd gives the volleyball team her words of advice after practice last week beside head coach Brenda Winkeler.

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Inspiration, for athletes, comes in many different forms, and this year inspiration for Eastern's volleyball comes from 11-year-old Lindsey Shepherd.

Shepherd, a sixth grader at Jefferson Elementary School in Charleston, spends her free time as a ball girl and junior coach for the Panthers.

"It's very inspirational for the players that Lindsey wants to come here and work hard since there are no benefits for her," head coach Brenda Winkeler said. "She is just doing it for fun."

Every Monday and Wednesday you can see Shepherd at practice as she helps the team out by collecting balls and being the water girl. She also is present on the sidelines during all home games.

"I come to practice on Mondays and Wednesdays, and sometimes when they play on a Wednesday, like this week when they play SEMO, I might come on a different day," Shepherd said.

"When I am here I shag balls and fill up the water bottles and I do whatever else coach tells me to do. During games, I help on the bench by giving the players

towels or drinks when they need it."

Shepherd's interest in volleyball comes from a general love of sports and her aspirations to become an athletic trainer in the future.

"I enjoy helping the volleyball team because I love sports," Shepherd said. "Right now, my main focus is school, and later in life I want to be a sports trainer and maybe even coach or do P.E. someday."

Her wish to become an athletic trainer was one of the main reasons she became a ball girl on the team.

Shepherd's mom, who works as a registered nurse in Health Services, met one of the athletic trainers and was able to get Lindsey the job with the volleyball team.

"My mom knew I was interested in sports and she met a sports trainer and that's how we got connected with the team," Shepherd said. "We have been going to the games in the past and I wanted to do it."

One of the reasons that Shepherd has stuck with the volleyball team is the relationship she has with the players.

"I like to be around the players," Shepherd said.

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